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Kirby-Thomas House
St. Michaels
private

c. 1876

The Kirby-Thomas house, now the St. Michaels Inn bed and breakfast, is a distinctive two-story, three-bay brick structure that defines the west side of North Talbot Street. This row of five brick dwellings south of Dodson Avenue is rather unusual in St. Michaels, and is partially due to the location of the Dodson and White brickyard behind these houses during the late nineteenth century. The exterior remains essentially unchanged, although the interior spaces have been reworked to accommodate bedrooms.

Construction of this two-story brick house is pinpointed to 1876-1877 when the Talbot Street lot was owned by James H. Kirby and his wife, Mary Louisa. James H. Kirby purchased "Part of Perry Cabin" from Joseph White and H. Clay Dodson for \$100 in 1876. During the following year the Kirbys transferred title to the lot and new house for \$1100 to Josiah Thomas. The substantial increase in transfer price indicates the the brick house was erected during the times of the two transfers. The property remained in the hands of Josiah Thomas or his heirs until 1902.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-621

Magi No. 2106212611

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

KIRBY-THOMAS HOUSE

and/or common

ST. MICHAELS INN BED AND BREAKFAST

2. Location

street & number

West side of North Talbot Street

 not for publication

city, town

St. Michaels

 vicinity of

congressional district

First

state

Maryland

county

Talbot

3. Classification

Category district☒ building(s) structure site object**Ownership** public☒ private both**Public Acquisition** in process being considered☒ not applicable**Status**☒ occupied unoccupied work in progress**Accessible**☒ yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no**Present Use** agriculture☒ commercial educational entertainment government industrial military museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:

4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number

telephone no.:

city, town

state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Talbot County Clerk of Court

liber 374

street & number

Talbot County Courthouse

folio 255

city, town

Easton

state

MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Kirby-Thomas house, now the St. Michaels Inn bed and breakfast, stands on the west side of North Talbot Street immediately south of the St. Michaels Inn. The two-story, three-bay brick house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1876, the two-story, seven-course common bond brick house has been converted to a bed and breakfast inn. The main block is covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story five-bay service wing, two bays of which is a modern addition that included extra rooms. A single story rear wing extends the structure farther west.

The east (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a side entrance and adjacent four-over-four sash windows. The front door is a replacement, but the windows survive with wooden louvered shutters. The windows are framed by half-round surrounds and topped by flat arches. Stretching across the front of the house is a single-story Tuscan columned porch with a square baluster handrail. The second floor is lighted by three unevenly spaced four-over-four sash windows. The front eave is trimmed with decorative brackets.

The south side is marked by single four-over-four sash windows on each floor. The eaves are extended and finished at the base of the roof with returns. The north gable of the main block is a plain wall surface, but to the rear the service wing wall has been reworked. A window has been bricked up and a new door has been introduced. Six-over-six sash windows are found to light the service wing.

The interiors have been reworked with most mid nineteenth-century features removed. The stair has been taken out of the side hall which is now part of the front bedroom.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Kirby-Thomas house, now converted to a bed and breakfast inn, is a distinctive two-story, three-bay brick structure that defines the west side of North Talbot Street. This row of brick buildings south of Dodson Avenue is rather unusual in St. Michaels, and is partially due to the location of the Dodson and White brick yard that was location behind these structures during the late nineteenth century. Although this house has been seriously reworked inside, the exterior retains its nineteenth-century character with a bracketed eave, four-over-four sash windows, and a Tuscan columned front porch.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Construction of this two-story, three-bay brick house is pinpointed to 1876-1877 when this Talbot Street lot was owned by James H. Kirby and his wife, Mary Louisa. James H. Kirby purchased "Part of Perry Cabin" from Joseph H. and Charlotte White and H. Clay and Martha H. Dodson for \$100 in 1876.(82/387) During the following year the Kirbys transferred title of the lot and new house for \$1100 to Josiah Thomas.(84/53) The substantial increase in transfer price indicates the brick house was built during the times of the two transfers. The property remained in the hands of Josiah Thomas and his heirs until 1902.(137/52)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Private Consultant date 4/9/88

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city or town Westover state MD 21871

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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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ST. MICHAELS INN B & B

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YEAR: 1961 VOL: 374 PAGE: 255

FROM: R. Eugene Rude & Margaret R. Rude PRICE:

TO: Jesse AS. Webb & Warren Webb

NOTES Known as 204 Talbot Street. Begins SE corner of Emily E. De Beet; runs with DeBeet West 134 feet to West Street; then South 56'6"; then East 148 feet to Talbot Street; then 52'10" with Tabot Street to the beginning.

Conveyed to Rude by Denny W. Harrison 1943, 256/104.

YEAR: 143 VOL: 256 PAGE: 104

FROM: Denny W. Harrison and Mamie A. PRICE:

TO: R. Eugene Rude and Margaret R.

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Harrison by Leonard 1920, 185/56.

YEAR: 1920 VOL: 185 PAGE: 56

FROM: John T. Leonard PRICE: \$1400

TO: Denny W. Harrison

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Leonard by Hunt 1918, 179/364.

YEAR: 1918 VOL: 179 PAGE: 364

FROM: Thomas J. Hunt and Emma F. PRICE: \$600

TO: John T. Leonard

NOTES Same decription.

Conveyed to Hunt by Connor 1909, 155/234 and by Blades 1902, 137/52.

YEAR: 1909 VOL: 155 PAGE: 233

FROM: Thomas J. Hunt and Emma F. Hunt PRICE:

TO: George Connor

NOTES Same lots conveyed to Hunt by Margaret A. Blades 1901, 137/52.

YEAR: 1902 VOL: 137 PAGE: 52

FROM: Margaret A. Blades and others (heirs of Josiah Thomas) PRICE: \$630

TO: Thomas J. Hunt

NOTES Sold by authority of the will of Josiah Thomas. Two adjacent parcels:
(1) begin SE corner of Emily E. DeBeet, run with DeBeet West 134 feet to the SW corner of DeBeet; then South 37'6" to stone; then East 140 feet to the main road; then North with the road 35'3" to the beginning.

Conveyed to Josiah Thomas by Kirby 1877, 84/53

(2) Begin at the SE corner of the above lot run South with the road 17'7" to a stone by a 10 foot alley (remaining information unreadable).

Conveyed to Josiah Thomas by White and Dodson 1880, 90/60.

The two parcels above make the 52'10" frontage on Talbot Street as in first deed.

YEAR: 1877 VOL: 84 PAGE: 53

FROM: James H. Kirby and Mary Louisa Kirby PRICE: \$1100

TO: Josiah Thomas

NOTES "Part of Perry Cabin". Description same as parcel one in deed 1902, 137/52
Conveyed to Kirby by White and Dodson 1876, 82/387.

YEAR: 1876 VOL: 82 PAGE: 387

FROM: Jos. H. White & Charlotte and H. Clay Dodson & Martha H. PRICE: \$100

TO: James H. Kirby

NOTES Same description as 1902, 137/52. Part of the land deeded to Cooper, White and Dodson by Samuel Hambleton, Extr. of John N. Hambleton 1873, 79/328.
Cooper bought out of the partnership c. 1876.

YEAR: 1873 VOL: 79 PAGE: 328

FROM: Samuel Hambleton, extr. of John N. Hambleton PRICE: \$1395

TO: William Cooper, Joseph White, H. Clay Dodson

NOTES On W side of the Bayside Road. Begin at NE corner of James Dennis' lot; run N 14 W 25 P; N 05 E 3 1/3 P; to Thomas Johnson; then N 08 1/2 W 39 P to woodland; then N 04 E 26.5 P to Mrs. S. H. Dawson; then N 86 1/2 W 42.5 P to John Ruth; then S 04 W 56 P to P. T. Hambleton; then S 86 1/2 E 90.5 P to the beginning. 22 acres.

YEAR: 1870 VOL: 11 PAGE: 391

FROM: Will of John N. Hambleton, Jr. PRICE:

TO: Samuel Hambleton

NOTES The will, made in 1870, probated same year, leaves farm of "Martingham" to nephew Samuel Hambleton. Sam, as executor, is to sell all other property to pay off cash bequests which total more than \$100,000.

YEAR: 1851 VOL: 10 PAGE: 54 (Wills)

FROM: Samuel Hambleton PRICE:

TO: John N. Hambleton

NOTES Will made 1849. Leaves all to brother John who is also executor. Most real estate is to be sold to pay several cash legacies. Samuel Hambleton was Purser on Perry's ship at the Battle of Lake Erie.

YEAR: 1812 VOL: 35 PAGE: 240

FROM: Robert Rolle Richardson PRICE: \$2808

TO: Samuel Hambleton

NOTES Part of "Beach", "Davenport", and "Elliott's Lot". Total 175 1/2 acres. Hambleton named the place "Perry Cabin Farm".

YEAR: 1780 VOL: 21 PAGE: 119

FROM: John Johning Hopkins PRICE: p8000 cm

TO: Robert R Richardson

NOTES Part of "Beach", "Davenport", and "Elliott's Lot" 133 1/4 a. To John Johning Hopkins by Thomas Ashcroft 1771, 20/154.

"Beach" patented 1665 to John Hollingsworth - 50 acres.

"Davenport" patented 1677 to Humphrey Davenport - 200 acres.

"Elliott's Lot" patented 1695 to Edward Ellett (Elliott) - 276 acres

YEAR: 1771 VOL: 20 PAGE: 154

FROM: Thomas Ashcroft PRICE:

TO: John Johning Hopkins

NOTES Begins at a cedar at the end of "Long Cut Cove". Runs N 72 1/2 W 188 P to the SSW line of "Elliott's Lot"; then SSW 114 P to land formerly Edward Hopkins; with that line E x S 159 P to "Old House Cove"; with the water "up the gut" to the first tree. 119 acres.

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ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

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H. C. DODSON'S ADD.

DODSON AVE.

Dodson & White's
Brick Yard

Res.
J. S. Hambleton

S. Aldridge

CHERRY ST.

CHERRY ST.

Col. M. L. L. Col. School

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Ship Yard

TALBOT ST.

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J. D. Foster

Oyster Wharf

Mech. Ch.

Mech. Ch.

High School

Lambdon

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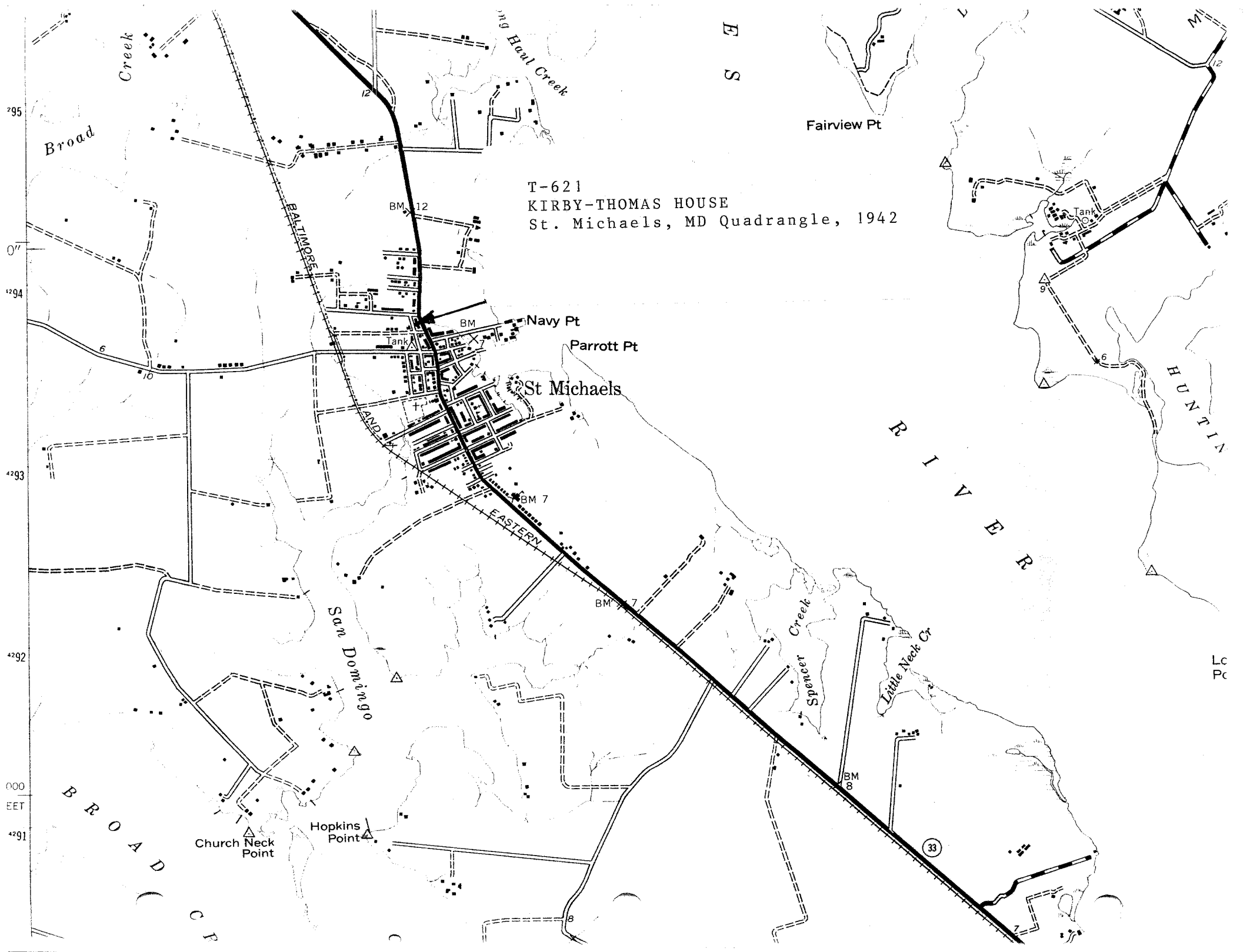
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DODSON, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chem-
 icals, Fine Toilet Soap, Fancy Hair and Tooth
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 Candles, Shoulder-Braces, Grass and Garden Seeds.
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 vancer.
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ES DYOTT, Carpenter, Contractor and Builder,
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ED H. HAMBLETON, Carpenter and Build-
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ES B. HARRISON, Real Estate Agent and Col-
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St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

Southeast elevation

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